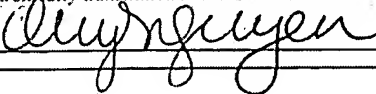


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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 9, 2007 for which a response was due October 9, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 9, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.